वित्तीय योगदानों का भी, जो संघ की सामूहिक लागत का लगभग 32% है, तत्परता से भुगतान हुआ है ।

हमारा यह दृष्टिकोण रहा है कि सार्क को प्रमुख आर्थिक सहयोग के और महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में दखल देना चाहिए और ऐसा करते समय आपने आपको दक्षिण एशिया के लोगों के जीवन के प्रति और अधिक अर्थपूर्ण होना चाहिए और मुझे यह कहने में खुशी है कि सार्क सदस्य राष्ट्रों ने अप्रैल, 1993 में दक्षिण एशिया अधिमान व्यापार करार पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं । हम अनुभव करते हैं कि इससे क्षेत्रीय सहयोग मजबूत करने में मदद मिलेगी ।

Supply of F-II Missiles to Pakistan by China

@2779. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated June 26, 1993 to the effect that China is supplying to Pakistan not only F-II missiles with a range of 180 miles but also longer range Mos to Iran and Syoda; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) Government have come across the item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated June 26, 1993.

(b) Government are aware of the extensive defensive cooperation between Pakistan and China, including transfer of sophisticated missiles and technology. China is aware of India's concern regarding the supply of sophisticated arms and missiles to Pakistan beyond its legitimate requirements which pose a threat to India's security and are not conducive to the maintenance of peace and stability in South Asia. Government have no confirmed information on the supply of M-9 missiles by China to Syria or Iran.

Extradition Treaty with Arab countries

2780. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has offered draft of treaty of extradition to friendly Arab countries;

(b) if so, what is their reaction to the draft treaty; and

(c) progress made in finalising the treaty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Drafts covering a possible Treaty of Juridical and Judicial co-operation including Extradition, have been exchanged with the UAE, and India's proposal to enter into negotiations is under consideration by them. There is no proposal under discussion with any other Arab country. However, there are international conventions providing for extradition for certain crime such as hijacking and sabotage in civil aviation, hostage taking, offences against internationally protected persons including diplomats, and illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs, to which India and several Arab States are signatories.

People of Neighbouring countries residing in India

2781. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of people from neighbouring and mid-Eastern countries are residing India, if so, their number country-wise;

(b) whether it is also a fact that most of those people left their mother country due to non-political and economic reasons, if so, details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government propose to depart them out of India before they become citizens of India; and

(d) If not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacancies of Ambassadors and Secretaries

2782. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to make the External Affairs Ministry capable of

@Previously unstarred Question 1423, transferred from 5th August, 1993.